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SUBJ: EXPORT OF PUKA SHELLS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

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1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH DIRECTOR FELIX GONZALES OF THE PHILIPPINE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (BFAR) REGARDING THE SUBJECT SHIPMENTS OF PUKA SHELLS. GONZALES STATED THAT THE ABSENCE OF AN EXPORT PERMIT TECHNICALLY MAKES THE SHIPMENTS UNLAWFUL. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, HAD THESE SHIPMENTS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE BFAR FOR INSPECTION, AN EXPORT PERMIT WOULD HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

2. PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS WERE REMISS IN NOT SECURING THE PRESCRIBED PERMITS. SINCE THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADMINISTER THE INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND ISSUE PERMITS, ONLY MEANS NOW OF OBTAINING THE EXPORT PERMITS WOULD BE TO HAVE THE SHIPMENTS RETURNED TO MANILA FOR INSPECTION BY BFAR.

3. ON OTHER HAND, GONZALES SAID THAT SHELLS WERE PHYSICALLY BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOP AND WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WHICH CAN DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THEM.

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4. ABOVE WAS BASED ON CONVERSATION, AND WE HAVE

ASKED GONZALES FOR A LETTER ON THE BFAR POSITION, PARTICULARLY HIS STATEMENT IN PARAGRAPH THREE. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER SUCH A WRITTEN STATEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING, AND EVEN IF IT DOES, WHETHER IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.

5. IN MEANTIME, GONZALES ASKED FOR A LISTING OF ENDANGERED SPECIES INCLUDED IN THE U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. WHEN THIS IS RECEIVED, WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH GONZALES, UNLESS USFWS MAKES A DECISION ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE SHELLS IN THE MEANTIME.
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